

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

Withdraw claims 1-16 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

REMARKS

The Office Action restricts the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to Group I (claims 1-16) and Group II (claims 17-37). Applicant elects Group II claims and has withdrawn Group I claims.

Within Group II, the Office Action further requires an election of species based on the following criteria: a) the species where a signal is applied to the conductive material during formation; and b) the species where no signal is applied to the conductive material during formation. Applicants provisionally elect claims 19-37 with traverse because Group II claims 17-37 do not call for different species, i.e., are all generic.

Of claims 17-37, only claims 17-18 include a signal in a limitation. As best can be determined from the Office Action, the examiner considers claims 17-18 as calling for a different species than the other claims. However, claims 17-18 do not call for applying a signal during formation, but rather call for a signal during operation, typically after the integrated circuit is made or formed. Claims 17-18 are methods of operating an integrated circuit, whereas claims 19-37 are methods of making or forming an integrated circuit. Any